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SUBJECT : NIE-45: Probable Attitudes and Policies of the
Free World toward the East-West Conflict, through
Mid-1954

1. The attached draft terms of reference for subject estimate are forwarded for review.

2. This draft supersedes a preliminary draft circulated to you on 21 June 1952. This project has been held in abeyance pending the completion of NIE-64 (Part II).

3. Please note that the present draft omits any characterization of the assumed Soviet Bloc courses of action and specifically any reference to a "relaxation of tensions." Furthermore, the draft does not request contributions as to detailed tactics the Soviet Bloc might adopt in pursuit of the assumed general courses of action. Possible tactics are now covered in the note on SCOPE, and it is planned to omit detailed discussion of them from the body of the final estimate. For working purposes it is requested that your representatives come to the meeting on terms of reference prepared to modify or add to the list of major tactics that should be considered, so that the SCOPE note may be put in final form at that time as a basis for contributions.

4. The Board regards this estimate as, in effect, an inventory of cold war soft spots, and believes such an estimate is both important

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and urgent. At the same time, the estimate will be extremely broad. Ways and means of reconciling these considerations will be discussed at the meeting.

5. It is requested that your representatives meet with us at 10:00 Friday, 5 December, to discuss this draft.

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Executive Secretary

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